GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Commercial Taxes Department – Allegation of certain irregularities against Sri L.Bhanu Prasad, CTO, Audit, Visakhapatnam, O/o. Deputy Commissioner, Commercial Tax, Visakhapatnam – Departmental proceedings initiated by framing charges – WSD received – Inquiry Officer appointed - Inquiry Report received and Communicated – Explanation received – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.392 Dated:26.05.2022.
Read the following:

1.Govt.,Memo.No.9789/Vig.II(3)/2015, Dated:06-07.2017.
2. CCT's reference No.V1/247/2017, Dated:11.08.2017.
3. WSD of the CO received through DC(CT), Kakinada Lr.No.P1/139/2017, dt:11.09.2017.
4. CCT's reference No.V1/247/2017, Dated:22.11.2018.
5. CCT's reference No.V1/247/2017, Dated:22.11.2018.
6. JC(ST) & Inquiry Authority Lr.No.5/2019, dt:13.08.2019
7. CCT's Ref.No.V(1)/242/2017, dt: 08.10.2020.
8. Govt. Memo No.9789/Vig.II/2015-3, dt:10.03.2021.
9. Representation of Sri Lankapalli Bhanu Prasad, CTO, Vizag.

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ORDER:

Whereas, it was brought to the notice of the Government that Sri Lankapalli Bhanu Prasad has committed certain irregularities while he was working as Commercial Tax Officer, Audit, Visakhapatnam and the ACB officials have recommended to initiate disciplinary action against him. After examining the matter, Government, vide Govt. Memo 1st read above, have requested the Chief Commissioner of State Tax to initiate disciplinary action Sri Lankapalli Bhanu Prasad, Commercial Tax Officer, Audit, Visakhapatnam.

2. Accordingly, the Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Vijayawada had framed the following charge against Sri Lankapalli Bhanu Prasad, Commercial Tax Officer, Audit, Visakhapatnam vide reference 2nd read above:

Charge:

Sri Lankapalli Bhanu Prasad, Commercial Tax Officer, Audit, Visakhapatnam failed to obtain assessment authorization from Deputy Commissioner (Commercial Taxes) to issue show cause notice to the complainant for his objections under Sec.305-A and he failed to pass final orders under Sec.305, upload in the department portal and serve on the complainant. He seized the account records /documents pertaining to the firm M/s. Vuppala Mangaraju for which it also relates to the complainant, without issuing any notice / authentication and gave them to Accused Officer with malafied intention. Further the Commercial Tax Officer failed to supervise the Accused Officer to follow the procedure under Sec.53 of Value Added Tax Act. Thus he violated Rule 3 (1) (2) and (5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. In reply to the charges, Sri Lankapalli Bhanu Prasad, Commercial Tax Officer, Audit, Visakhapatnam has submitted his explanation vide representation 3rd read above. After examining the said explanation of the Charged Officer, Sri K.Venkateswara Rao, Joint Commissioner (ST), O/o Chief Commissioner (ST), A.P., Vijayawada has been appointed as Inquiry Officer to enquiry into the charges

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framed against Sri Lankapalli Bhanu Prasad, Commercial Tax Officer, Audit, Visakhapatnam, vide reference 4th read above and Sri A.Ravindranath Reddy, Deputy Commissioner (ST), Kakinada Division has been appointed as Presenting Officer in this case.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, Joint Commissioner (ST), O/o Chief Commissioner (ST) has submitted his enquiry report holding that the charge framed against Sri Lankapalli Bhanu Prasad, Commercial Tax Officer, Audit, Visakhapatnam is not proved. Government, after examining the matter, have accepted the Inquiry Report and communicated to the Charged Officer Sri Lankapalli Bhanu Prasad, CTO (Audit), Visakhapatnam, with a direction to submit his representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer, vide Govt. Memo 8th read above. The Charged Officer submitted his explanation vide representation 9th read above.

5. Government, after examining the entire matter, have decided and accordingly, hereby drop further action against Sri Lankapalli Bhanu Prasad, CTO(Audit), Visakhapatnam, in this matter.

6. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly, under intimation to Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

N.GULZAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT)

To
Sri Lankapalli Bhanu Prasad, CTO (Audit), Visakhapatnam (through the Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada)
The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
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The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER